

Frequency-Domain System Identification for Linear Time-Periodic Systems with Application to Wind Turbine Dynamics and CSLDV

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Experimental Studies of Dynamic Systems

- Why perform tests?
 - Model Validation
 - “All models are wrong” (D. Smallwood)
 - Exploratory Tests
 - Diagnose Failure
 - Health Monitoring
 - Some physics remain poorly understood; tests are needed to help to create models and guide design.
 - Aerodynamics
 - Coupling between structure and nonlinear magnetic generator?
 - Backlash in gears?
- How? ...

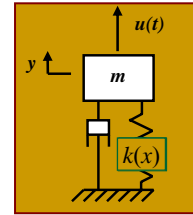
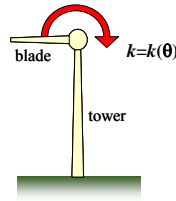


Some Models for Dynamic Systems

- Nonlinear State Space

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{f}(x, t, u)$$

$$y = \mathbf{g}(x, t, u)$$



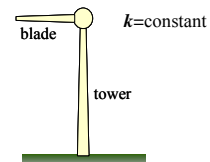
- Linear Time Invariant (LTI)

- Appropriate for structures with linear force-displacement relationships

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$$y = \mathbf{C}x + \mathbf{D}u$$

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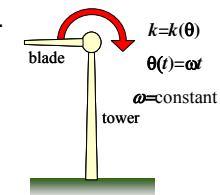
- Linear Time Periodic (LTP)

- Any nonlinear system linearized about a periodic orbit. Common for rotating structures.

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{A}(t)x + \mathbf{B}(t)u$$

$$y = \mathbf{C}(t)x + \mathbf{D}(t)u$$

linearize about a
periodic motion



Experimental Methods Available

- Nonlinear State Space

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{f}(x, t, u)$$

$$y = \mathbf{g}(x, t, u)$$

Very limited beyond 1st or 2nd order!

- Linear Time Invariant (LTI)

- Appropriate for structures with linear force-displacement relationships

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{B}u$$

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Well established time and frequency
domain methods routinely used up to
high system order.

- Linear Time Periodic (LTP)

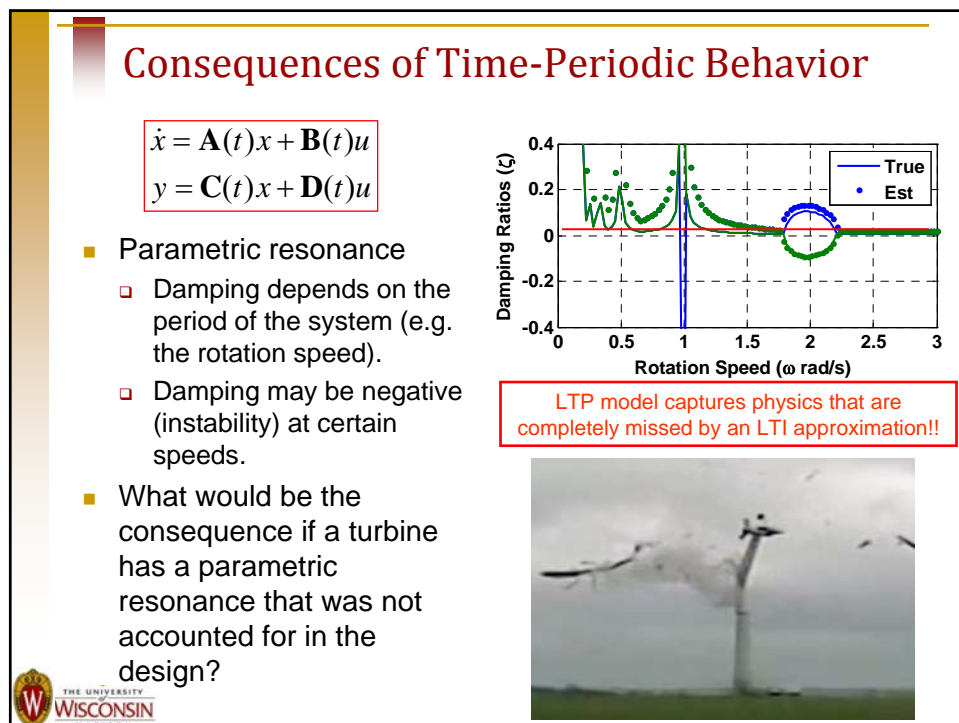
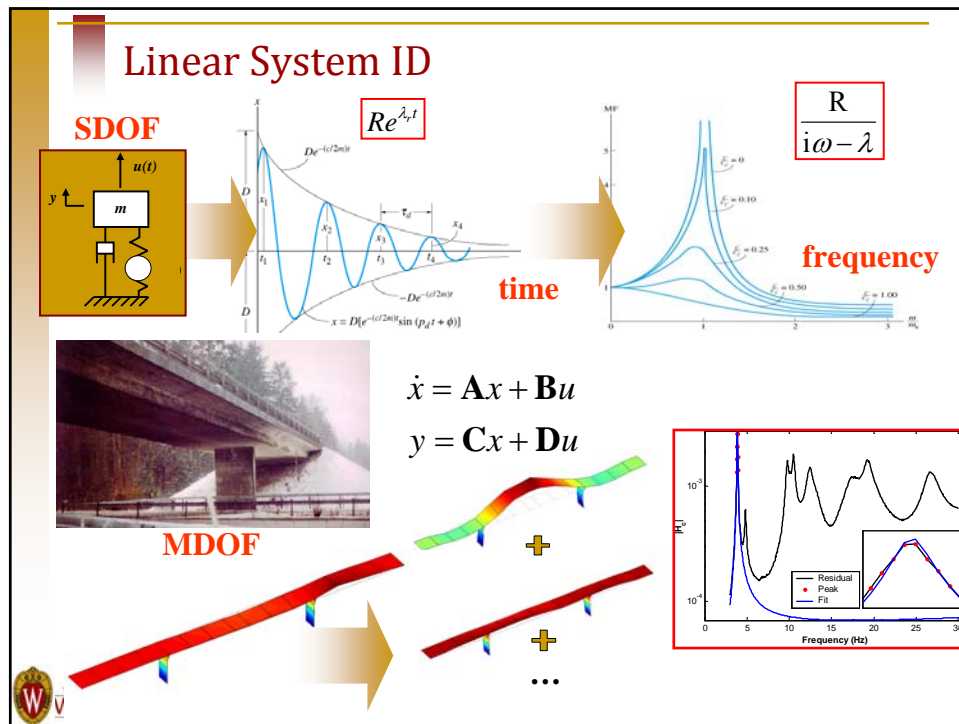
- Rotating structures where a parameter changes with time, or any nonlinear system linearized about a periodic orbit.

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{A}(t)x + \mathbf{B}(t)u$$

$$y = \mathbf{C}(t)x + \mathbf{D}(t)u$$

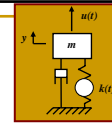
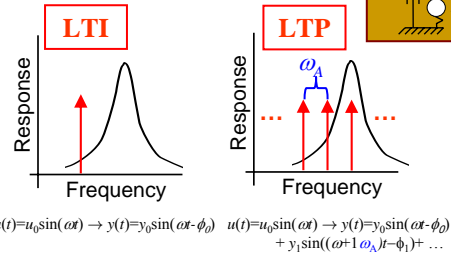
Allen's research group has recently
extended several LTI System
Identification Methods to LTP Systems!





Consequences of Time-Periodic Behavior

- System may respond (i.e. vibrate, generate noise, etc...) at unexpected frequencies.
- Resonance may be excited by inputs at various frequencies.



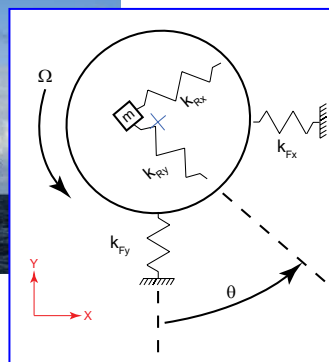
Does a wind turbine really need to have three or more blades?



Simulated Identification of Jeffcott Rotor

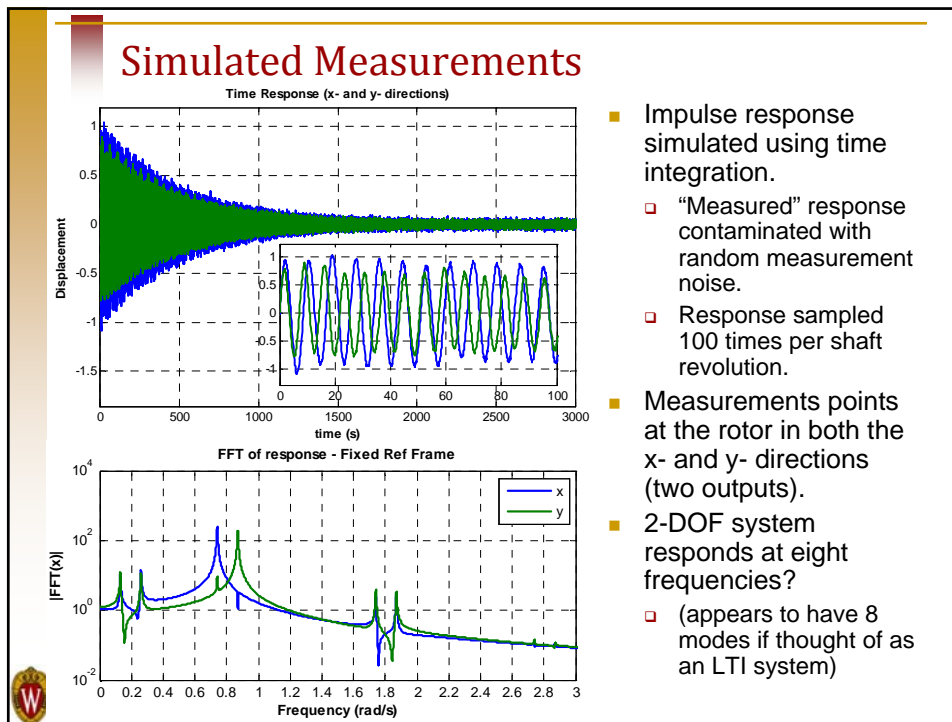


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind_turbine



- Jeffcott Rotor on an elastic, anisotropic shaft and an anisotropic foundation.
 - $k_{Rx} = 1, k_{Ry} = 1.2$ **20% Stiffer**
 - $k_{Fx} = 1, k_{Fy} = 1.5$ **50% Stiffer**
 - Stability analysis, unstable for:**
 - $0.720 < \Omega < 0.755$
 - $0.785 < \Omega < 0.825$
 - $0.848 < \Omega < 0.920$
- Simulate system identification with constant rotation rate:
 - $\Omega = 0.5$
 - Impulse response simulated in both X and Y directions using time integration.
 - Response sampled 100 times per shaft revolution.





Identification from Transient Response

- The equations of motion of a general linear time-periodic system can be written as follows with.

$\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u$
 $y = C(t)x + D(t)u$
- State transition matrix used to develop modal description for LTP system:

$A(t) = A(t + T_A), \text{ etc...} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0)x(t_0)$

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \sum_{r=1}^n \psi(t)_r L_r(t_0)^T \exp(\lambda_r(t - t_0))$$

- Identical to LTI definition except that mode vectors are periodic functions of time:

$$\Psi(t) = [\psi(t)_1 \quad \psi(t)_2 \quad \dots], \quad (\Psi(t)^{-1})^T = [L(t)_1 \quad L(t)_2 \quad \dots]$$
- The eigenvalues are constant, so each underdamped mode of the STM has a constant natural frequency and damping ratio

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}[\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \dots] \quad \lambda_r = -\zeta_r \omega_r + i \omega_r \sqrt{1 - \zeta_r^2}$$
- These are called the **Floquet exponents** of the LTP system.

Fourier Series Expansion Method

LTP systems have modes that are analogous to the modes of an LTI system.

- LTI Nat. frequencies and damping ratios → LTP Floquet Exponents
- LTI Mode shapes (constant) → LTP mode shapes (periodic)
 - LTP mode shapes can be shown to give rise to additional frequencies in the response and hence to additional peaks in the spectrum.

$$y(t) = C(t)\Phi(t, t_0)x(t_0) \quad \Phi(t, t_0) = \sum_{r=1}^n \psi(t)_r L_r(t_0)^T \exp(\lambda_r(t - t_0))$$

- Expand each residue vector in a Fourier series

$$y(t) = \sum_{r=1}^n R_r(t) \exp(\lambda_r(t - t_0)) \quad \longrightarrow \quad R_r(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{r,m} \exp(im\omega_A t)$$

- Insert into eq. for $y(t)$, setting $t_0=0$ to simplify the notation.

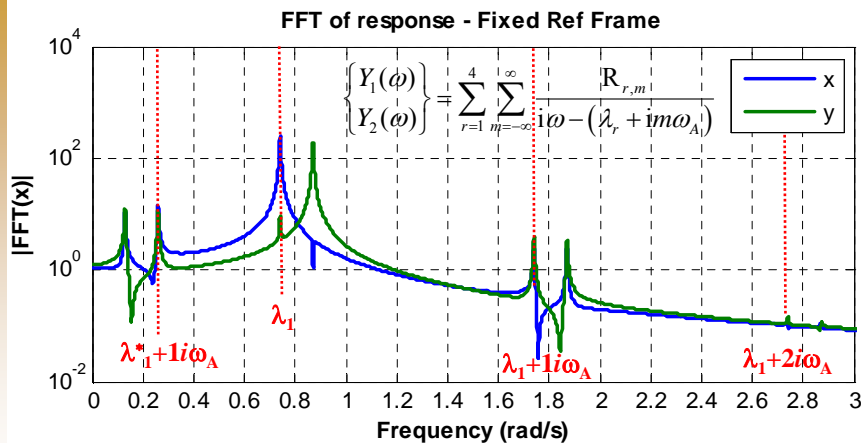
$$y(t) = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{r,m} \exp((\lambda_r + im\omega_A)t)$$

- Or, the FFT can be used to transfer to the frequency domain:

$$y(t) = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{r,m} \exp((\lambda_r + im\omega_A)t) \Leftrightarrow Y(\omega) = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{R_{r,m}}{i\omega - (\lambda_r + im\omega_A)}$$



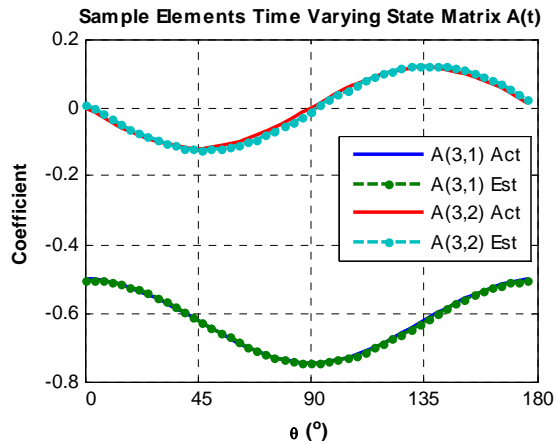
Fourier Series Expansion (FSE) of Rotor's Response



- 2-DOF system appears to have 8 modes.
- $\omega_A = 1.0$ rad/s (twice the shaft rotation frequency)
- The relationship $\text{Im}\{\lambda_r + im\omega_A\}$ can be used to identify which terms $R_{r,m}$ are present in the Fourier Expansion of $R_r(t)$.



State Matrix

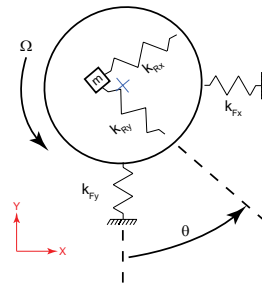


'Est' – estimated, 'Act' – actual

$$\ddot{x} = A(3,1)x + A(3,2)y + \dots$$



- State matrix $A(t)$ estimated from identified model for state transition matrix.
- Physical interpretation: these give the effective stiffness as a function of shaft angle.
- This information can be used to verify a model, or to predict stability boundaries.



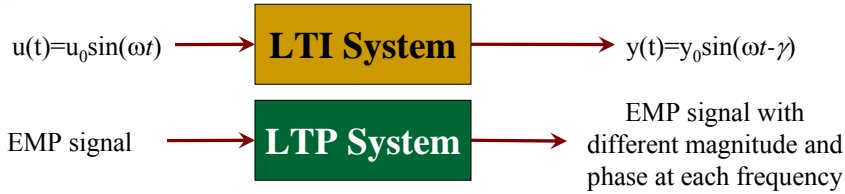
Extension to Output Only Measurements



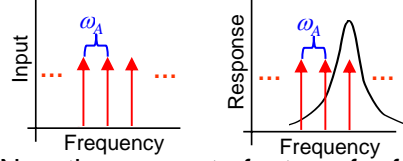
- Previous developments were for free-response measurements. Can the theory be extended to input-output or output-only measurements?

Picture: Horns Rev wind farm, Denmark's largest at 160 MW

Harmonic Transfer Function (HTF)



- LTP System: Input at a single frequency causes output at an infinite number of frequencies.
- Define exponentially modulated signal space:



- Now the concept of a transfer function can be readily extended to LTP systems (Wereley, 1991)

$$\mathbf{y}(\omega) = \mathbf{G}(\omega) \mathbf{u}(\omega)$$



N. M. Wereley, PhD Thesis, "Analysis and Control of Linear Periodically Time Varying Systems," Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Cambridge, MIT, 1991.

HTF: Modal Representation

- As for LTI systems, the HTF can be expressed in terms of the modes:

$$\mathbf{G}(\omega) = \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{r,l} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{r,l}}{i\omega - (\lambda_r - il\omega_A)} + \mathbf{D}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{r,l} = [\dots \bar{C}_{r,-1-l}^T \quad \bar{C}_{r,-l}^T \quad \bar{C}_{r,l-l}^T \quad \dots]^T$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{r,l} = [\dots \bar{B}_{r,l+1} \quad \bar{B}_{r,l} \quad \bar{B}_{r,l-1} \quad \dots]$$

$$\mathbf{C}(t) \boldsymbol{\psi}_r(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{r,n} e^{jn\omega_A t}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_r(t)^T \mathbf{B}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{r,n} e^{jn\omega_A t}$$

- Output Only Identification based on Autospectrum:

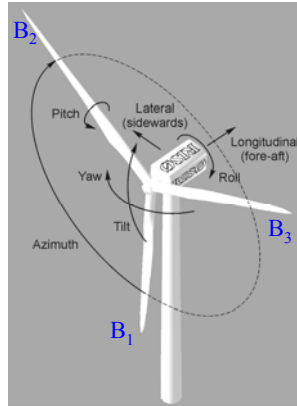
$$[S_{yy}(\omega)] = \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{r,l} \mathbf{W}(\omega)_{r,l} \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{r,l}^H}{[i\omega - (\lambda_r - j l \omega_A)][i\omega - (\lambda_r - j l \omega_A)]^H}$$

**Output Autospectrum
for an LTI System**

$$S_{yy}(\omega) = \sum_{r=1}^N \frac{\boldsymbol{\psi}_r S_{uu}(\omega) \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^H}{[j\omega - \lambda_r][j\omega - \lambda_r]^H}$$



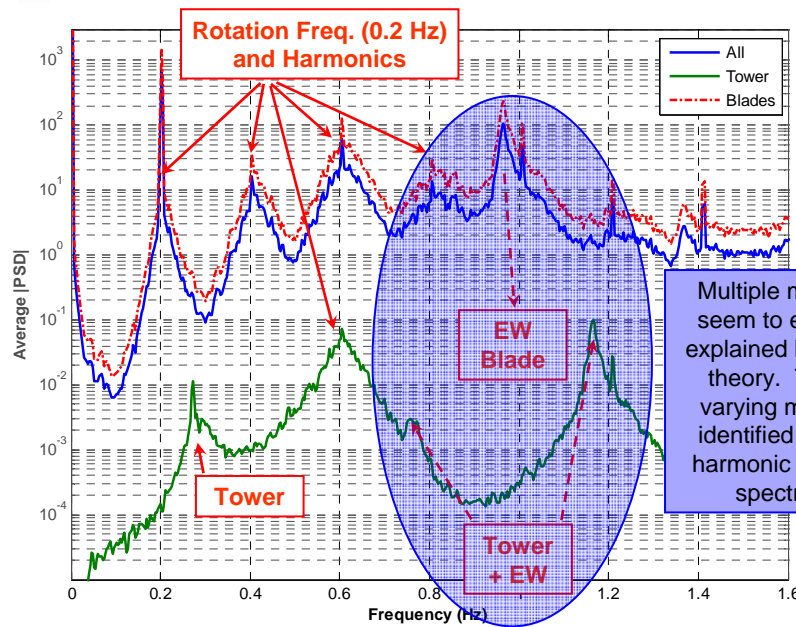
Simulated Application: 5 MW Wind Turbine



- Applied to Simulated Wind Turbine in:
 - M. S. Allen, M. W. Sracic, S. Chauhan, and M. H. Hansen, "Output-Only Modal Analysis of Linear Time Periodic Systems with Application to Wind Turbine Simulation Data," MSSP, vol. 25, pp. 1174-1191, 2011.
- Measurements simulated from the 5MW reference turbine by J. Jonkman:
 - Turbine model created in HAWC2 simulation code (by M. Hansen at RISØ Nat. Lab.)
 - Measurements of turbine simulated for 3.3 hours due to wind excitation.
 - 13.3m turbulence box repeated 16384 times.
 - 75 acceleration measurements simulated on **tower** (three directions) and **blades** (edgewise and flapwise).
- Traditional LTI Modal analysis leads to erroneous results unless a multi-blade coordinate transformation is applied.
 - If the rotor is anisotropic, the system will be LTP even after applying the coordinate transformation.



Traditional Spectra (0 to 1.6 Hz)



Multiple modes seem to exist – explained by LTP theory. Time varying modes identified using harmonic output spectra.



Another Challenge: How to Acquire Measurements?

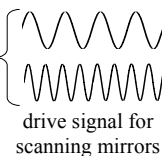
- Tests difficult due to sheer size
 - Most common sensors must be attached to the structure.
 - Cables must be run from the sensors to data acquisition hardware.
- Laser Doppler Vibrometer:
 - Measures Doppler shift in a beam of laser light → Captures the velocity of the surface at a point.
 - **Advantages:**
 - Non-contact laser measurement simplifies setup
 - Impact excitation is challenging – use the natural excitation from the wind.
 - **Disadvantage:**
 - Captures the response at only one point
 - Too expensive to use many lasers in parallel



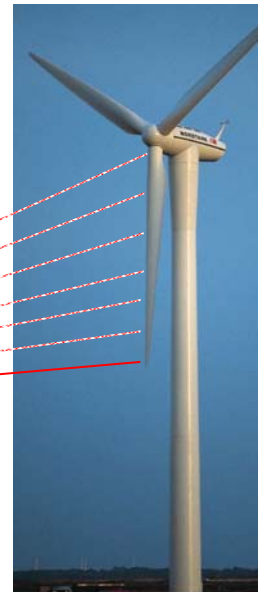
CSLDV Solution:

- Continuous-Scan Laser Doppler Vibrometry (CSLDV): Velocity is measured as the laser spot sweeps continuously over the structure.
 - First presented by Sriram & Hanagud (1990)
 - Later extended by Stanbridge, Martarelli & Ewins
 - Sinusoidal Excitation
 - Transient (Impact) Excitation
 - CSLDV with Lifting for Transient Response: Allen & Sracic 2010, Yang, Allen & Sracic 2010

LDV with scanning mirrors



Movie:
[link 1](#),
[link 2](#)



A Useful Laser Show?

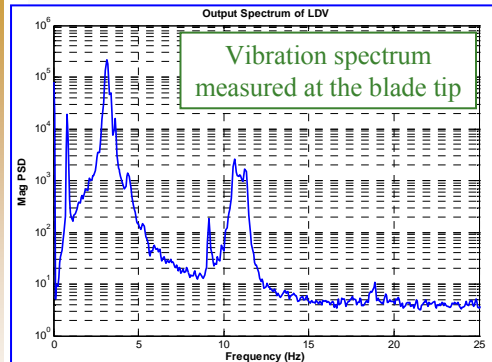


OMA-CSLDV on Wind Turbine Blade

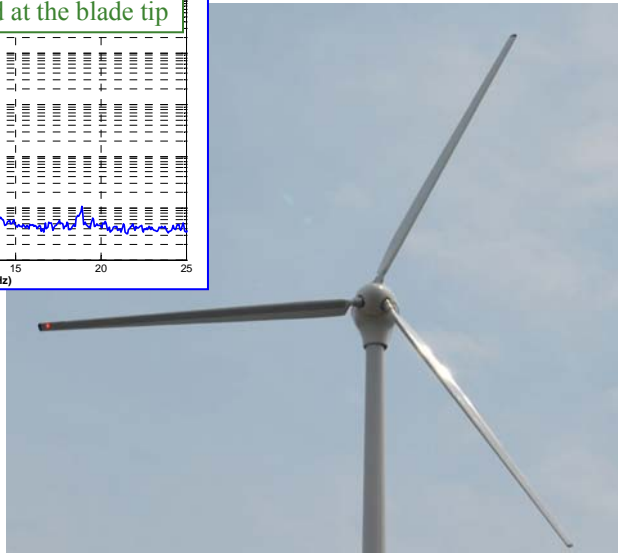
- Field Test:
 - Renewegy LLC in Oshkosh, WI: 20kW wind turbine with ~10m diameter rotor, ~30m tower height.
 - Rotor parked (brake applied) during the test.
 - Blade tilted so that the LDV measures in the flapwise direction.
 - The blade was excited by only the ambient wind (3.5 m/s average wind speed) as both conventional and CSLDV measurements were acquired.
 - Retro-reflective tape used, 66.4 meter standoff distance.



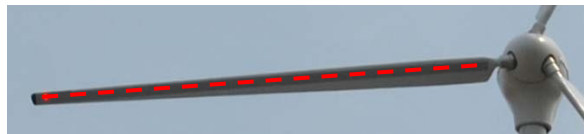
Conventional OMA (Tip Measurement)



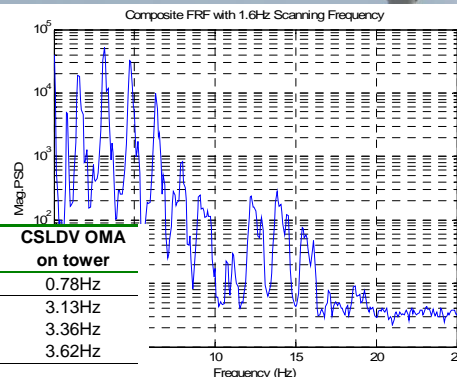
- Laser positioned at a fixed point at the tip of the blade as shown.
- Power spectrum shows several peaks.



OMA-CSLDV Measurement

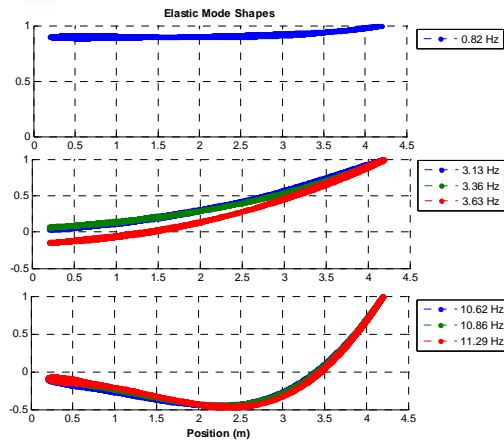


- Laser scanned along the length of the blade for CSLDV measurement.
- Several modes identified in the harmonic power spectrum.

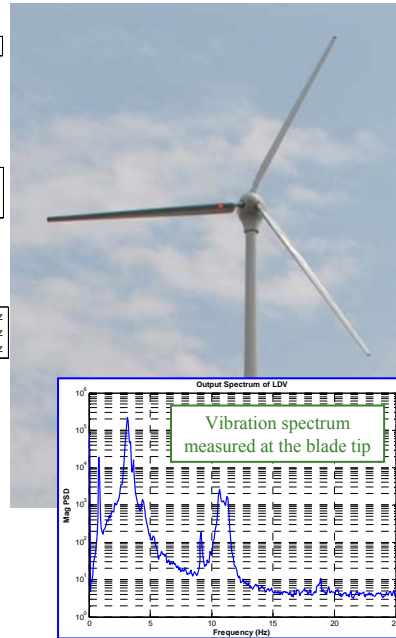


Mode	Conventional test in stiff fixture	Fixed point OMA on tower	CSLDV OMA on tower
-	-	0.81Hz	0.78Hz
Flap Wise Bending 1	3.36Hz	3.13Hz 3.37Hz 3.63Hz	3.13Hz 3.36Hz 3.62Hz
Edge Wise Bending 1	5.24Hz	4.38Hz	-
-	-	9.13Hz	-
Flap Wise Bending 2	11.40Hz	10.63Hz 10.94Hz 11.25Hz	10.62Hz 10.86Hz 11.29Hz

Mode Shapes Identified by OMA CSLDV



- CSLDV reveals the deformation shape of the structure associated with each frequency.



Comparison with Conventional Methods

- Conventional Test Methods:
 - OMA with accelerometers (fixed sensors)
 - Requires attaching sensors to the points of interest and running cables to data acquisition (or wireless transmitters).
 - OMA with conventional scanning LDV
 - At least two measurement points needed to obtain mode shapes.
 - Cost per LDV: \$80,000+
 - Each pair of points must be observed for at least 10 minutes.
 - The results presented here were acquired with one ground based laser and two 10-min time records!



Conclusions & Outlook

- Linear Time Periodic (LTP) systems are capable of modeling many important phenomena.
- Most system identification concepts for linear time-invariant systems extend readily to LTP systems.
 - Frequency Domain Transfer Function
 - Mode Indicator Functions
 - System Identification Routines (for parameter identification)
 - Insight and intuition acquired for LTI systems.
- Outcomes:
 - Continuous-scan Laser Doppler Vibrometry can be used to reduce vibration test time by two orders of magnitude.
 - Many other systems can be treated experimentally using this technique.
 - Rotating machines such as wind turbines, helicopters
 - Nonlinear systems such as the human neuromuscular system...
 - **A short course has been created on these topics and will be presented in upcoming conferences and to industry.**

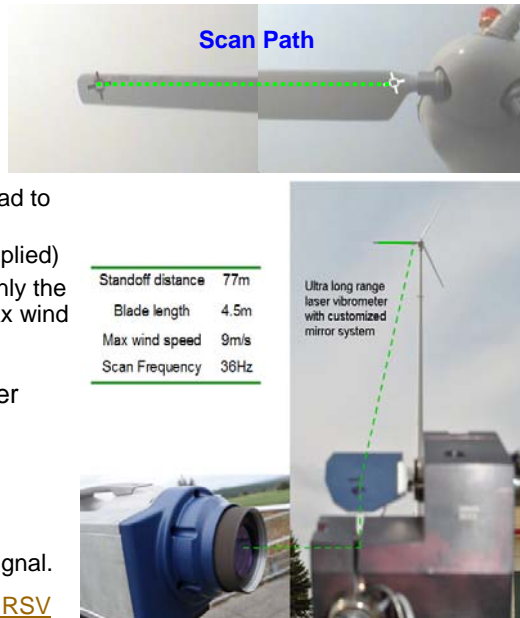


Extra Slides



New Remote Sensing Vibrometer

- Field test at Renewegy LLC in Oshkosh, WI:
 - 20kW wind turbine with 9.4m diameter rotor and 30m tower height.
 - 77 m standoff from laser head to target.
 - Rotor was parked (brake applied)
 - The blade was excited by only the ambient wind with 9 m/s max wind speed
- Remote Sensing Vibrometer
 - Prototype from Polytec®
 - 1550nm wavelength
 - Higher power (10mW)
 - Designed for long range measurements, improved signal.

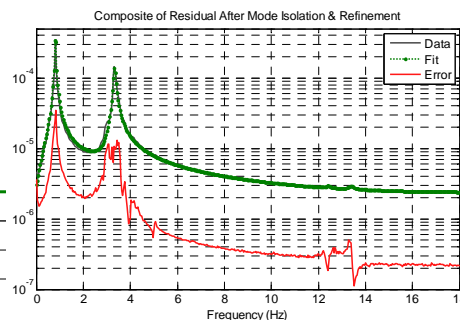
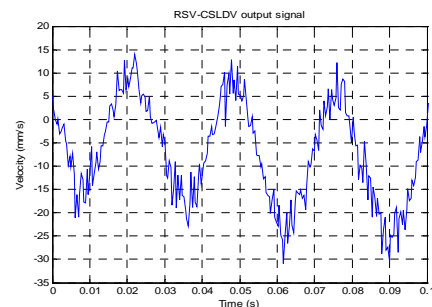


[Video of CSLDV with RSV](#)

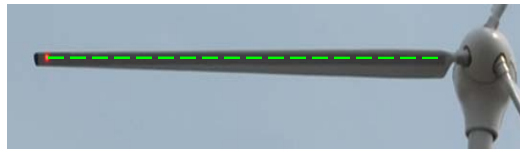
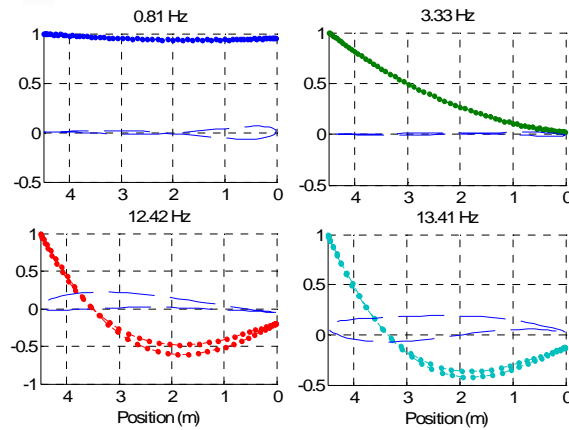
Application to Wind Turbine

- Retro-reflective tape was not needed for the RSV
 - The conventional 633nm laser required retro-reflective tape
- Surface velocity of the laser spot at a scan frequency of 36Hz is approximately 500m/s.
- 400s time record
- Response dominated by 36Hz but other frequency components are well captured.
 - RSV has great potential for lifting where high scan frequencies are preferred

Mode	Natural frequency	Damping
Tower Bending	0.81Hz	1.61%
Flap Wise Bending 1	3.33Hz	1.52%
Flap Wise Bending 2	12.42Hz 13.41Hz	0.44% 0.70%



Measured Mode Shapes



- Blade moves as a rigid body in the 0.81 Hz mode, revealing that this is a tower bending mode.
- First blade bending mode found to be 3.33Hz
- 12.42Hz and 13.41Hz frequencies revealed to be second blade bending modes
- 400s data allows for 31 averages
 - A longer time history would be preferred.
- Imaginary part of shapes thought to be an artifact of the short data length.
- Noisy second bending mode, weakly excited



Validation with Traditional SLDV

- Laser position determined by measuring the angle of the RSV Laser head
- Measurements agree fairly well with those obtained by CSLDV
 - Two additional peaks could be identified around 4Hz and 5Hz due to lower speckle noise
- There are several points which appear to be questionable
 - Due to changing wind conditions?
- SLDV used 5.3 min long measurements at each of the 5 points = total 26.5min
 - OMA-CSLDV achieves far higher resolution with a single 6.7 min measurement!

